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Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : May I point out that it is not necessary that the old idol should be traced and reinstalled? For example—the hon. Member Sri P. T. Rajan who is here will bear out my statement—in the famous temple at Somanath, the old idol of Somanath was lost and another idol was installed recently.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Somanath had a different history and that does not apply to this temple.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Even the proposal to trace the old idol is not a difficult proposition. But I am told that from the Agamic point of view, the idol which had been desecrated cannot be reinstalled and that, therefore, the public have come forward to install a new idol. May, I therefore, request the Hon. Minister most humbly to reconsider the matter and see what best could be done in view of the public feeling in the matter?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It may perhaps be possible to bring the temple under worship if the notification under the Ancient Monuments Act could be withdrawn, but I do not think it is right to have that notification withdrawn.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to convey the feelings of this House in the matter to the Government of India and also say that my learned colleague here has said that that order was passed because the Education Ministry was run by Muslims? I am very sorry about that sad remark and I would even request my hon. Friend to withdraw it.

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : There are some allegations which are proved.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If the House expresses an opinion by bringing in a non-official resolution on a non-official day, certainly this Government would convey the opinions of this House to the Government of India.

Deputy Inspectors of Schools

* 12 *Q.*—Sri V. R. RANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of ranges of Deputy Inspectors of Schools in the State;

(*b*) the number of posts of Deputy Inspectors of Schools that remained vacant as on 1st July 1957; and

(*c*) the number of ranges that were in charge of Junior Inspectors?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 154, Sir.

(*b*) *Nine* posts of Deputy Inspectors of Schools remained vacant on 1st July 1957. These posts have since been filled in.

(*c*) 80 ranges of Deputy Inspectors of Schools are in charge of temporary promotees from the category of Junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

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SRI V. R. RANGANATHAN : Is there any reason why so many posts are held by unqualified people?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, all the graduates with training have been absorbed in the teaching institutions. Because we were unable to recruit fresh personnel for the purpose of filling these posts—as a matter of fact, our attempts to get graduates for filling these posts are proving futile—instead of depending upon raw graduates, we thought experienced Junior Deputy Inspectors could be promoted, and they are now holding these posts.

Creation of a Chair in the History of Indian Medicine

* 13 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to institute a Chair in the History of Indian Medicine at the College of Integrated Medicine, Madras;

(*b*) whether the Government of India have sanctioned any grant for the purpose and, if so, the amount of such grant and the conditions attached thereto; and

(*c*) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government of India have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 7,200, being three-fourths of the anticipated expenditure without attaching any conditions.

(*c*) The scheme is being implemented.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, as a Special Officer, I believe, will be appointed to prepare this history, would the Government consider the appointment of a small committee of Tamil experts to assist the Special Officer, as most of the historical details relating to the Siddha system of medicine are to be found in ancient Tamil literature?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, the scheme involves the appointment of one Lecturer, First Grade, and three Pandits in the Siddha, Ayurveda and Unani systems and typists and all the other paraphernalia.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I press for the consideration of the Hon. Minister that a Tamil Pandit who knows something of Tamil literature should be appointed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : For this purpose, we require a different pandit—not a pandit in literature, but one in the systems of medicine—and we have provided for the three respective branches.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.